

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2026

**SWEARING IN
CEREMONY FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Elk County President Judge Shawn McMahon provided his comments and insight on the importance of the elected positions.

Honorable Judge McMahon swore in the following City elected officials:

Mayor Lyle Garner
Councilman J. Clark Lecker
Councilman Alex Wendel
Tax Collector Thomas Nicklas

**SWEARING IN AND
PINNING OF CHIEF OF
POLICE**

Mike Shaffer, Chief of Police, was sworn in by Mayor Lyle Garner. Shaffer's chief badge was pinned on his uniform by his wife Catrina. Also present were his daughters Emma, Carrie, Katelynn, Charleigh, Kalleigh, along with K9 Officer Draco and members of the City of St. Marys Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganization meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner, on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on December 29, 2025, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lyle Garner, Anthony Gregory, Stephen Bagley, Joe Sarginger, J. Clark Lecker, Alex Wendel, Manager Joe Fleming, Solicitor Lauren Brennen, and Recording Secretary Rachael Hughes.

VISITORS

Fritz Lecker, Sally Geyer, Amanda Fleming, Reagan Fleming, Kara Fleming, Carrie Shaffer, Catrina Shaffer, Emma Shaffer, Katelynn Shaffer, Charleigh Shaffer, Kalleigh Shaffer, Brittany Wendel, Greg Gebauer, Shane Schneider, Tom Nicklas, Amy Cherry, K9 Officer Draco.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 15, 2025**

Joe Sarginger made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS**

Sally Geyer requested that Council go through the Vacancy Board to fill the Council vacancy.

**APPOINTMENT TO FILL
VACANT COUNCIL**

Anthony Gregory made a motion to appoint Shane Schneider to the vacant position, seconded by Alex Wendel.

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POSITION

On a roll call vote, Anthony Gregory, Stephen Bagley, Alex Wendel, J. Clark Lecker, and Mayor Garner voted in the positive. Joe Sarginger voted in the negative. Motion passed.

Judge Shawn McMahon was present to administer the oath.

REORGANIZATION ITEMS

- **SETTING MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

- Council's regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Anthony Gregory made a motion to keep the same dates and times for Council meetings, seconded by Joe Sarginger and all were in favor.
- Council's workshop meetings by default, on the 1st Monday of the month, subject to rescheduling as needed, for dedicated workshop purposes

- **DEPUTY MAYOR**

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Anthony Gregory as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

- **VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN:** (appointed by Council for 2 years)

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Sally Geyer as the Vacancy Board Chairman, seconded by Anthony Gregory.

On a roll call vote, Shane Schneider, Alex Wendel, J. Clark Lecker, Joe Sarginger, and Stephen Bagley voted in the positive. Motion passed.

- **NON-UNIFORM PENSION BOARD,** Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (1) Non-Uniform Employee

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint the Mayor and Alex Wendel to the Non-Uniform Pension Board, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Anthony Gregory to the Non-Uniform Pension Board, seconded by Alex Wendel, and all were in favor.

- **POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE,** Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (2) Police Officers

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Anthony Gregory, and Alex Wendel to the Police Pension Committee, seconded by Alex Wendel, and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor is on the Committee by default.

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- NON-UNIFORM GRIEVANCE COUNCIL DESIGNEE:**
 (1) Member of Council

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Mayor Lyle Garner as the Non-Uniform Grievance Council Designee, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.
- TAX BOARD:** City representative appointed at Council's reorganizational meeting for 2 years
 County representative
 School District representative

Joe Sarginger made a motion to appoint Stephen Bagley as the City Tax Board Representative, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.
- COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
- FINANCE COMMITTEE- Mayor, Two Council members, Manager and Finance Director**

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Joe Sarginger and J. Clark Lecker to the Finance Committee, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor is on the Committee by default.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
Emergency Management Coordinator, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one Council Representative - (Changed to Community Representative), Police Chief, Fire Chief, Elkland Search and Rescue Chief, St. Marys Ambulance Representative, Elk County EMS Representative

St. Marys EMA Coordinator Greg Gebauer requested City Council to allow Shane Schneider to remain on the EMA Committee as he previously served on the entity over his last four years on City Council.

Anthony Gregory made a motion to reappoint Shane Schneider to the Emergency Management Committee, seconded by Alex Wendel, and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are on the committee by default.
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Mayor and two members of Council

Anthony Gregory made a motion to appoint Shane Schneider to the Personnel Committee, seconded by Stephen Bagley, and all were in favor.

Shane Schneider made a motion to appoint Anthony Gregory to the Personnel Committee, seconded by Joe Sarginger, and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor is on the committee by default.

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APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	TERMS EXPIRING	LETTERS RECEIVED FROM	RECOMMENDED
Benzinger Township Golf Authority (5-year term) Motion Passed	1 Vacancy	John H. Dippold	John H. Dippold	John H. Dippold
				Stephen Baley made a motion to appoint John H. Dippold, as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.
St. Marys Area Airport Authority (5-year term) Motion Passed	1 Vacancy- St. Marys	D. Seth Hall	D. Seth Hall	D. Seth Hall
				Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint D. Seth Hall, as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.
St. Marys Area Water Authority (5-year term) Motion Passed	1 Vacancy	Michael G. Engel	Tom Detsch	Tom Detsch
				Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Tom Detsch as recommended, seconded by Alex Wendel, and all were in favor.
St. Marys Municipal Authority (5-year term) Motion Passed	2 Vacancies	Andrew Yetzer Vacancy	Andrew Yetzer Roberto Mazariegos Thomas Lander Timothy A. Hockman	Andrew Yetzer Timothy A. Hockman
				Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Andrew Yetzer and Timothy A. Hockman, as recommended, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.
Board of Health (5-year term) Motion to Table Passed	1 Vacancy	Priscilla Phillips	None at this time	None at this time
				Joe Sarginger made a motion to table the Board of Health appointment, seconded by Anthony Gregory, and all were in favor.
Recreation Board (5-year term)	0 Vacancies	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zoning Hearing Board (5-year term)	2 Vacancies (1 full term) (1 3-year term to fill unexpired term of Mr. Pearson)	Daniel Sorg Clark Pearson	Daniel Sorg Thomas Lander Sally Geyer Kelli Hall	Daniel Sorg Kelli Hall (to fill term to expire 01/01/2029)

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Motion Passed Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Daniel Sorg to the full term and Kelli Hall to the 3-year term as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

Planning Commission (4-year term) 4 Vacancies Matthew Quesenberry Lisa Sorg John Schatz Unexpired term of Jonathan Shuttleworth (term to expire 01/01/28) Matthew Quesenberry Lisa Sorg John Schatz Thomas Lander Shane Schneider Matthew Quesenberry Lisa Sorg John Schatz Shane Schneider (to fill term to expire 01/01/28)

Motion Passed Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Matthew Quesenberry, Lisa Sorg, and John Schatz, as recommended, and replace Shane Schneider with Thomas Lander since Shane was appointed to Council. Joe Sarginger seconded and all were in favor.

Police Civil Service Commission (3-year term) 1 Vacancy D. Seth Hall D. Seth Hall Roberto Mazariegos Gregory Gornati D. Seth Hall

Motion Passed Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint D. Seth Hall, as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

Shade Tree Commission of the City of St. Marys (3-year term) 1 Vacancy Lisa Sorg Lisa Sorg Lisa Sorg

Motion Passed Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Lisa Sorg, as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS Shane Schneider thanked Council for reappointing him.

Alex Wendel and J. Clark Lecker expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The next regular Council meeting – Monday January 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Stephen Bagley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anthony Gregory. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary (Signature)

Mayor (Signature)